

## General Speech Meet Information

1. A student may participate in only one category of the ACSI Speech Meet. Participation must be at the student's own grade level.
2. Refer to the appropriate ACSI Elementary Speech Samplers for sample pieces. Comparable material may be chosen from other sources, including the Internet, as long as copyright policy is followed. Selections must be truth-telling in content (Philippians 4:8) and be approved by the school coordinator. If there is any question, please see the activity chairperson for approval.
3. If the published material was obtained from the Internet, the school coordinator must be able to demonstrate the script was purchased online or is publicly available by providing the Internet URL and retrieval date.
4. All presentations must be memorized (notes and note cards are not permitted).
5. Students may not present a selection they have done in a past ACSI Speech Meet.
6. Prompters are permitted but strongly discouraged. Students should be prepared to make their presentations without assistance. Students needing assistance must bring their own prompter with a copy of the selection. Prompting will not be given unless verbally requested by the student; each time it is requested, one point (penalty) will be deducted from the score (a maximum of five points).
7. All presentations must begin with an introduction. Descriptions of introductions are included in the Category Descriptions on page 10.
8. Students should communicate the message of the selection through vocal and facial expressions, incorporating the speech techniques described on the judging sheets.
9. Eye contact should be with the audience, not with the judges.
10. Body movements and gestures may be appropriate but are not required. When used, they should not detract from the selection. Students should not act, as in a play. Students may not walk about during the presentation. See rules under each category for more information. Judges will be instructed not to penalize a student for lack of gesticulation and not to reward students for the use of gestures.
11. Clothing should in no way be related to the selection, so as to be misconstrued as costuming. Costumes and/or props are not permitted in any of the categories.
12. Microphones will not be used for any of the categories.
13. Elementary speech presentations are not clocked or timed.
14. Decisions of the judges will be final.
15. Student dress should be appropriate (neat and modest) for a public appearance.
16. Picture taking and video recording are not permitted during student presentations.
17. Visitors are permitted, unless otherwise stipulated by the chairperson.
18. Beepers, cell phones, or other communication devices must be turned off in the presentation room.
19. For judges' use, three copies of each original speech must be submitted with the participation form.



